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LIGHT TRADING IN PRAIRIE HAY.

Kansas City Market

Open market trading in prairie hay was at a complete standstill at Kansas City during the week ending May 27, because of lack carlot receipts, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. No inconvenience resulted from the dearth of offerings, however, since local feeding interests were well supplied with storage stocks accumulated last fall, and other classes of buyers were caring for their limited needs through truck deliveries. Lack of trading made it impossible to test values, and nominal prices were unchanged.

Interior Producing Point Markets

Movement of prairie from eastern Kansas producing districts was light. A few scattered truck loads went to Wichita, Ottawa and the Kansas City area, and one carlot moved by rail out of Savonburg to Kansas City. Trade reports indicated weeds were making a heavy growth in some eastern Kansas meadows, and some farmers were clipping their fields to slow the weed progress and produce cleaner hay. Many growers have found that early clipping of weeds in meadows results in much higher quality hay than otherwise, and the time and effort is amply paid for in the higher returns obtained for clean hay, over that showing heavy foreign material mixtures. They have found that this practice, if followed a few years consecutively, will greatly reduce the weed infestation and thicken the stands of grass.

With spring pastures late and none too luxuriant as a result of drought and cool weather, the prolonged supplementary feeding season in the Platte Valley of Nebraska has resulted in a fairly good clean-up of prairie hay supplies, according to trade reports.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, are as follows:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1	$8.50-9.00	No. 3	$5.50-7.50
No. 2	8.00-8.50	Sample	4.00-5.50

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